Rosson’s Roundup

First, let me extend a warm ‘welcome back to Aggieland’ to everyone who has been away for the summer. I also want to welcome all of our students to the Department, and I’m planning to visit many of our classes over the next several weeks to extend a personal welcome to them.

Remember, we have three faculty interviewing for the Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis position starting Monday. Vardges Hovhannisyan (Monday), Yuqing Zheng (Tuesday) and Yvette Zhang (Wednesday) will be giving seminars and meeting with faculty, staff and students. We will have a faculty meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. to follow up on their interviews. I hope all of you can participate in some way in this important process. Thanks to the search committee for all of their hard work on this: David Bessler (Chair), Jug Capps, Ariun Ishdorj, Marco Palma, Vicky Salin and John Siebert.

Last Tuesday we had another session with several former students to provide an overview of our programs and receive some feedback from them as well. Chuck Gilleland, and Ty Timm Honor Registry members Hunter Goodwin and Casey Oldham attended and provided some insightful thoughts and input that I’ll discuss later this semester. The lunch and location (Kyle House) were provided by the Global Event Group, Cassie and Matt Bobbitt, Ty Timm Honor Registry member. Thanks to Ed Rister for organizing this event and to Donna Adcock for providing information on graduate programs. A special thank you to Patrick Williams with the Texas A&M Foundation, who emphasized the importance of external support for program development.

We had the Masters of Agribusiness orientation Wednesday afternoon and I got to welcome the new MAB students to the Department. We have an interesting group this year, with representation ranging from Virginia to California, Florida, Texas, China, and India. Thursday morning Mark Waller and I met with AgriLife’s new development officer, Darin Payne. He has been onboard about three weeks and has major responsibility for the Houston area and Extension programs. Darin most recently has been in a similar position at Montana State University where he worked with Dr. Doug Steele, Director of AgriLife Extension. Before that he was at the University of Florida and Oregon State University. He brings much experience in agriculture and natural resources to the development staff of AgriLife, and he represents the sixth development officer working with us to enhance our program support.

Finally, Friday afternoon I’ll be meeting with all of our graduate students to welcome them to the Department and Texas A&M. Please join me in making them feel welcome and at home here in Aggieland!
New Publications


http://www.currenthistory.com/article.php?id=1031

Interviews for the Assistant Professor - Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis position will be held August 26 – 28, 2013.

Upcoming Birthdays

Greg Kaase 8/25
Debbie Childs 8/31
John Penson 9/1
Gene Nelson 9/9
Rebekka Dudensing 9/14
David Leatham 9/15

Thank You!!

Dr. Lard & Ashley for hosting Friday coffee

Position Announcements

**Assistant Professor**, California State University, Fresno, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Agricultural Business Dept. This position will teach primarily in agricultural finance management, agricultural marketing, and/or agribusiness management, but may be asked to teach in other areas as needed. The successful candidate will be expected to: demonstrate excellence in teaching and advising; advise student organizations and competitive teams; develop and maintain a productive program of applied research that focuses on California agriculture and complements the teaching responsibilities; establish close working relationships with agricultural industries, organizations and governmental agencies; work effectively with the College's Center for Agricultural Business; and obtain external grants/contracts to match available internal funds of the university. An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Agricultural Economics or related discipline from an accredited institution or equivalent is required. Candidates nearing completion of the Ph.D. (ABD) may be considered for the position, but their degree must be completed by prior to appointment. To ensure the full consideration, applicants should submit all application materials by 9/15/2013. Apply online at: [http://jobs.csufresno.edu/](http://jobs.csufresno.edu/) and upload the following materials: curriculum vitae, cover letter, names and contact information of three references and copies of transcripts. In addition, candidates invited to interview on campus will be required to submit official transcripts and three letters of reference mailed directly to: Dr. Sriniv Konduru, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural Business, California State University, Fresno, 5245 N. Backer Ave M/S PB101, Fresno, CA 93740, Phone: (559) 278-2949 Fax: (559) 278-6536, E-mail address: skonduru@csufresno.edu

**Assistant & Associate Professors**, The Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida has two tenured faculty positions they are searching to fill. Both positions are agribusiness, assistant/associate professors, one with a 60T-40R assignment and the other a 70T-30E assignment. We will be meeting with interested individuals at the AAEA meeting to discuss both positions. Individuals interested in either position who would like to schedule a meeting at AAEA can contact Dr. Rick Weldon, chair of the search committees at rweldon@ufl.edu or 352-294-7635. Formal applications for both positions require application through Gator jobs, [https://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/search](https://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/search). To search Gator jobs for either position, in the "keywords" area type "agribusiness."

**Assistant / Associate Professor** Position In Agricultural Business for the College of Agriculture California State University, Chico. The College of Agriculture is searching for a tenure track Assistant or Associate Professor in the Agricultural Business program to start January or August, 2014. California State University, Chico is seeking faculty who are competent in their field, collaborative with colleagues and staff, and committed to student success. Position is contingent on funding. The minimum education requirement for appointment to this position is a PhD in Agricultural Economics or related area such as Marketing, Finance, or Business. Candidates nearing completion of the doctorate may be considered. However, completion of the earned PhD is required before the first day of hire to the tenure track position. This tenure-track position carries responsibilities in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service (including student advising). Teaching assignments are based upon qualifications of the individual and the needs of the department. All applicants must complete the Application for Academic Employment Form, which is available on-line at: [http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/facultyrecruit/facultyapplication.docx](http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/facultyrecruit/facultyapplication.docx) to be submitted with CV, teaching philosophy, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Eric Houk, Search Committee Chair, College of Agriculture (Zip 310), 400 West First Street Chico, California 95929-0310, (530) 898-4146, [ehouk@csuchico.edu](mailto:ehouk@csuchico.edu)

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